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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Duke Energy Progress, LLC's and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) – S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)

**Docket Nos. 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On September 11, 2019, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a Motion with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to present its expert witness via videoconference.

After discussing the matter with counsel for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively the "Companies"), the Companies are willing to exclude the costs of the ORS witness's travel, hotel, incidentals and time spent in the hearing room from the deferred balance authorized by statute for costs to implement Act 62. Accordingly, the Companies have committed that they would not seek to recover these costs along with other Act 62 costs in the deferred balance in a future rate case. As a result, ORS withdraws its Motion.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-Mail)  
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-Mail)